

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2352 - HB 2519

February 16, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013344): Increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, thresholds above which certain counties must provide public advertisement and seek competitive bids for certain purchases.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,100/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-7-113(c), certain counties are required to utilize public advertisement and competitive bids for all purchases, leases, and lease-purchase arrangements by or for a county road department or by a chief administrative officer costing more than \$10,000.
- The proposed legislation would increase the threshold to \$25,000; therefore, the number of newspaper advertisements that certain counties are required to publish prior to purchases will decrease.
- Based on responses to the 2017 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee Staff, participating local government officials reported the average cost for a newspaper notification is \$114.
- While the precise number of purchases between \$10,000 and \$25,000 made by or for a county road department or by a chief administrative officer is unknown, it is reasonably estimated that at least 10 percent, or 10 counties (95 counties x 10%) statewide will have one less newspaper notification each year as a direct result of the increased thresholds.
- The decrease in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$1,140 (10 notifications x \$114 per notification) beginning in FY22-23 and occurring in subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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